

# More State Aid Recommended For Public Junior Colleges

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AUSTIN, Texas — Greater state support for 33 public junior colleges was recommended Wednesday to the Governor's Committee for Education Beyond the High School.

Dr. Ben Jones, president of Navarro Junior College, said a subcommittee he heads is recommending that the state pay all instructional costs at the junior colleges, including vocational and technical courses as well as academic. Present state aid of about \$8,250,000 annually is restricted primarily to assisting students taking academic courses which could be transferred to degree-granting institutions.

Dr. Jones had no estimate of how much it would cost to carry out the liberalized state aid program, but others attending a press briefing expressed belief it would be considerably higher than the state's present share of junior college cost. The local colleges now are financed about equally by state aid, local property taxes and student fees.

Another recommendation by the subcommittee was for tax equalization in local support for junior colleges which receive state aid. Dr. Jones said details of carrying out this program are yet to be worked out.

The subcommittee also recommended approximately the same standards used by the State Board of Education in approving creation

of public junior colleges, and generally followed proposals proposed by the Texas Research League.

H. B. Zachry of San Antonio, chairman of the main committee, declined to specify its action on the subcommittee recommendations, other than to say it had been adopted in part and revised in part.

The chairman remained reticent to discuss the committee's sessions, which have been closed to the press most of the time.

But questions elicited from Zachry these indications:

1. The committee's main recommendation to the Legislature for adoption in 1965 will be to establish a state-wide coordinating committee for all higher education, but keeping all local governing boards.

2. Besides strengthening the junior college system, including additional state funds, greater expenditure will be proposed for senior colleges also. Chairman Zachry commended the recent recommendations of the Texas Commission on Higher Education. It is asking for \$87,800,000 more state spending on senior colleges from 1965 to 1967 than the current biennium, for a total \$240,300,000 budget. About one third of the increase would be to raise faculty salaries, the remainder to care for increased student load.

3. The committee will recommend a "stair-step" improvement program covering 10 to 15 years, rather than a single "crash pro-

gram" to be accomplished all at once.

Zachry said the committee will provide the Legislature with estimates of how much each step would cost. And the chairman expressed willingness to advise also on revenue sources for the extra money it will take.

Gov. John Connally attended part of the press conference, which again included requests to Zachry that the committee's sessions be open.

The governor, invited to comment, smiled and said: "I came as a spectator."

Chairman Zachry reiterated a strong belief that the committee can deliberate best in private, until its recommendations are ready. But he told reporters that some on the committee disagree with him on this point. Zachry announced plans to take the proposals before various interested groups for discussion, before final recommendations are drawn.

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## Sudden Closing of Bank Fails to Disturb

By THOMAS E. TURNER  
Central Texas Bureau of The News

MARLIN, Texas — The sudden closing of Marlin's First National Bank was causing little noticeable concern in Marlin Wednesday, but it could have some significant long-range effect on national banking rules.

Joseph W. Barr, board chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., said he is becoming concerned about "outsiders" who have a secure control of banks solely for the purpose of "raiding" them.

He said he is also concerned because of the Indiana conference secretary's statement that the bank was not a "stable bank."

Chronicle as saying that Steiner and San Felippo, both former Houston residents, had moved from there within the past 10 days.)

An FDIC examiner said that Steiner, who had been chairman of the bank board, was not re-elected at a January stockholders meeting and had resigned as a director about 10 days ago.

IN TALKING with reporters at the closed bank Wednesday, Barr declared, "I'm becoming concerned, because banks have been raped. It seems to me there is an alarming increase in the trend toward control of some banks by a few people who intend to ruin them. I'm also concerned because the bank is not a stable bank."

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# Oswald Coworker, Sister Testify Before Commission

Washington Bureau of The News

WASHINGTON — The Warren Commission Wednesday heard three witnesses discuss some of the events of Nov. 22 in Dallas—the day President Kennedy was assassinated.

Buell Wesley Frazier and his sister, Mrs. Linnie Mae Randle, talked about Frazier's driving the late Lee Harvey Oswald to work at the Texas Book Depository that fateful morning. Both Oswald and Frazier were employed at the depository.

An FBI agent—whose name was not released — identified a container that was found in the book building—evidently the one that held the rifle with which Oswald is charged with assassinating the President.

Although Frazier and Mrs. Randle refused to discuss their testimony, Chief Justice Earl War-

ren explained that Frazier took Oswald to work and that Mrs. Randle saw them leave since she lives near the house where Oswald was staying. Frazier was with his sister.

Frazier, asked by reporters to discuss his testimony, turned quickly from a car he was entering and snapped: "I've talked to higher authorities than you and they told me I do not have to talk with you."

Later Warren restated the commission position on witnesses. He said the commission was not instructing the witnesses not to talk.

## Bus Crash Kills 10

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) — Police said Wednesday 10 persons were killed and 15 others injured when a passenger bus left a highway en route to Cucuta and plunged 300 feet down a mountain-side.

However, it is apparent some one is.

There was little doubt from Wednesday's goings-on that the commission is now reconstructing Oswald's activities on the day of the assassination.

The commission used Frazier and Mrs. Randle to get him to work on that Friday and the next witnesses—due here Thursday—are Cecil J. McWatters and William Wayne Whaley.

McWatters is the bus driver who picked up Oswald near the book depository building soon after the assassination and Whaley is the cab driver who carried Oswald to a point near his Oak Cliff rooming house after Oswald got off the bus when he found the traffic too slow.

There will be no witnesses Friday, a commission spokesman said.

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